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Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 0530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1130 WRMI 9955

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** ALBANIA. R. Tirana, June 27, 2008, 9390 kHz. On abruptly at 0145 UT with song in progress. No ID, no intro. Songs continued until off the air at 0159 UT. New format? (HI!) Any idea why only songs played and no ID or regular programming? Even though no ID, who else would be using 9390 kHz from 0145 until 0159 UT? 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist,

Manassas, VA USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This happens periodically, explained as a loss of R. Tirana program feed to Shijak site, so substituting some available domestic network (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. ENGLAND: R. Algeria 7260 [Skelton] at 0441 in Arabic with chants. 1 second ahead of 7150 [Sines, PORTUGAL]. Both good signals (presumed) 27 June (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. REINO UNIDO, 9710, Radio Algiers Holy Qur¥an, 2100-2103, escuchada el 28 de junio en ·rabe a locutora con presentaciÛn, anuncia frecuencias ì..kiloherzs...kiloherzs...î, posible himno nacional de Argelia, segmento musical a modo de sintonÌa, locutor con noticias, ìassalam aalecumî, SINPO 55555 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. LRA36, Arc·ngel, 15476, 1938 June 27. Great carrier (signal) but poor audio. I hear from time to time some words in Spanish. Too noisy for copy. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. R. Symban, 2368.5: heard Jun 12 and 13 around 0820 with good reception, but untraced Jun 14 via a remote tuner in Australia. The station sent me an e-mail confirmation for a report I sent them and explained they were not at full power or modulation yet. Thanks to John Wright for his report on this (Hans Johnson, USA, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

** BELARUS. BIELORRUSIA, 7105, Radio Belarus, 2040-2044, escuchada el 28 de junio en inglÈs a locutora con comentarios, m˙sica de sintonÌa, conversaciÛn con invitada, m˙sica pop, SINPO 44544.

7390, Radio Belarus, 2048-2050, escuchada el 28 de junio en inglÈs a locutora en conversaciÛn con invitada, en paralelo por 7105, fuerte seÒal pero con nivel de audio muy bajo, SINPO 55544 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is a prime example of the defects of the SINPO system: it assumes modulation will be normal, and that is increasingly not the case. There should be another factor for modulation level, which would drive down the O-rating to where it belongs (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BELARUS. 18345, Belaruskae R, 3 x 6115 1427 UT (Tim Bucknall, mobile Log Axe Edge Derbyshire 28/6/08, Icom IC7000 + Sharman

Modulator CB whip, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** BERMUDA. 1256 [EDT?] June 27 Es: *ZFB 94.9 Hamilton Bermuda - several ads, including one for http://northrock.bm "North Rock Communications"... #1192. Not sure if there were two clouds here or one bouncing everywhere... large PTA. Got RDS pictures from the display, might put them online at some point. Not bad opening for the time I could listen (Adam Rivers, Chicopee, MA, LOG ONTO THE NEW http://www.adamrivers.com WTFDA via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. V. of Biafra International, weekly clandestine show via WHRI, Fridays 20-21, still on 17650 when checked June 27 at 2053 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11895, R. Boa Vontade, 6-27 0145 talk, mention Brazil, possible ID, hymn, possible sermon. Have tried this one for years (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Rarely reported; R. Free Asia in Uighur, 45 degrees via UAE is also on 11895 in this hour, and presumably Firedrake-jammed. Aoki says RBV goes off at 0200 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BRAZIL [non]. Prezado Glenn Hauser, AgradeÁo se puder divulgar. Muito obrigado. Ulysses Galletti

Na prÛxima sexta-feira, s·bado e domingo, no Programa Radio DX, apresentar· entrevista especial e exclusiva, concedida pelo idealizador e realizador da FENARCOM ñ FEIRA NACIONAL DE RADIOAMADORISMO E COMUMICA«'ES, o radioamador Erwin, PY2QI, que prestou importantes esclarecimentos sobre a feira.

Programa R·dio DX È transmitido pela R·dio CVC a Sua Voz, no seguinte esquema:
Sexta: em 15410 kHz ‡s 1800 UT
S·bado: em 15410 kHz ‡s 1100 UT
Domingo: em 11745 kHz ‡s 0200 UT (Ulysses Galletti, d-_-b OU«AM PROGRAMAS DX, June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST via dxldyg in advance)

** CAMEROON. TEN RADIO, TV STATIONS OPERATING ILLEGALLY IN NORTHWEST

Northwest Communication Delegate, Mary Maimo Mah, has identified eight radio stations, two television stations and four cable distributors as operating illegally in the Northwest.

Apart from Afrique Nouvelle FM, Christian Gospel and Foundation Radios that have temporary authorisations to operate, the rest have been operating in illegality, The Post learnt . . .
http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200806270771.html

(The Post (Buea), 27 June 2008 By Chris Mbunwe, via Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DXLD)

** CANADA. No sign of CHU on 3330 at 0431. Presumed off air, since this is a reliable signal at night here and sometimes day. Can anyone confirm? 27 June (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Hi, These sound like interesting shows in development, too bad those on dial-up can't get access to CBC since the shortwave service is but a skeleton of it's former self.

CBC RADIO WIDENS ITS NET
GUY DIXON, From Thursday's Globe & Mail, June 26, 2008 at 3:42 AM EDT

A higher-profile morning time slot for host Jian Ghomeshi and a youthful-sounding current-affairs program in the afternoon on Radio One are two of the major changes coming to CBC Radio this fall.

In a festive presentation - one part public announcement of the changes and one part rallying cry for CBC staffers - programming director Chris Boyce yesterday announced scheduling changes designed to "diversify and broaden" the broadcaster's audience.

"We would like all of our programming to appeal to people who are 35 to 49. That doesn't mean that we want to lose any of our older audience. We just want to build our audience. And as a public broadcaster, that's part of what we need to do, make programming for all Canadians," Boyce said.

"When you're at the CBC, people are always talking about 'oh, you're chasing a younger audience.' Well, a younger audience for us would be 35 to 49. Anywhere else in the business, that would actually be an older audience," he added.

Ghomeshi's arts and entertainment show Q - which caters to younger, pop tastes, yet rests just outside the mainstream - will be moving in September to a new morning position on Radio One, from 10 to 11:30, from weekday afternoons. Considered a plum slot, it will follow Anna Maria Tremonti's stalwart current-affairs show The Current. On Friday, Q will be stretched to two hours, and it will also be repeated each weeknight at 10.

"Q has demonstrated over the last year that it's a solid, established radio program that has found an audience. It has slowly gained over each ratings [period] since we launched it just over a year ago," Boyce said.

Q will fill the vacancy left by host Shelagh Rogers's slice-of-life

program Sounds Like Canada, which ends this summer. The official reason given in March, when word got out that Rogers would be leaving the show, was that it was a mutual decision by the host and CBC executives.

Rumours had circulated that Rogers would be moving to a new literary show. Yesterday, the CBC made it official. The as-yet-unnamed show will be on Saturdays at 3 p.m., replacing the long-running Talking Books, hosted by Ian Brown, which was cancelled earlier this month.

In the afternoon, taking Q's current 2 p.m. time slot, will be a new current affairs show from Vancouver with Aamer Haleem, a former VH1 host and entertainment journalist, who has also worked in Hong Kong and the United States.

Few details were forthcoming about the show, apart from it being described as a "fresh take" on issues in national and international news. In fact, many of the fall's new shows and reformatted programs on Radio One and Radio 2 are still very much in development. Rich Terfry, who performs as the alt-hip-hop artist Buck 65 and who will host a new afternoon show on Radio 2, noted that his program will focus on diverse Canadian music, possibly with an emphasis on singer-songwriters. But beyond that, Terfry and CBC producers are still moulding the show.

The reformatted Radio 2 morning show with current host Tom Allen will also play a more diverse selection of music genres, a switch away from its current classical format. However, the musical selection is still to be decided. When Carol Off, co-host of Radio One's As It Happens, walked by him at the reception and asked him about his show, Allen shrugged jokingly and replied that all he knows so far is that he is the show's host.

And despite the controversy over Radio 2's move away from being primarily classical to a format that includes numerous other genres, CBC executives are reluctant to specify any play lists for the new shows. So exactly what the new Radio 2 will sound like remains a question. However, a Radio 2 promotional video shown to staff at yesterday's presentation highlighted a bevy of Canadian acts, including Jann Arden, Feist, Ron Sexsmith, Alex Cuba, Michael BublÈ and rapper k-os. And yes, it also included a brief clip of a symphony orchestra in concert (via Dale Rothert, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Es pirate from MB? And TIS from SA --- I'm working on a fun unID - Peguis Radio 102.7. had a full ID like that, by a young child who sounded Aboriginal. This will be near Gimli MB and I'm now sorting through stuff on youtube and other such places, to see if it's licenced. That'd be cool. That and my TIS from Saskatchewan on

95.3 with Environment Canada Weather forecasts for SA. I have the calls on that one. This will take a lot of time. I have three notebooks, plus another six tapes to go through from yesterday (Saul Chernos, Ont., June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

Northern Manitoba to Michigan, MUF into FM, 30-watt FMs on beach!!

Looks like I missed a lot of Es today after going to work (but it's not like I have a choice, do I?) But --- tonight's FM Es on the beach FAR more than made up for it; still gathering the info and sorting through these dinky stations, most of which were well under 50 watts.

In perfect. In stable. No static. Virtually no IDs on anything, and on 97.1, religious folk/country music; a heavy northern Canada native accent and this girl who would simply play music and then dead air for a minute or two, then read off the last songs she played in the dullest monotone voice, struggling to pronounce everything correctly. No IDs on this one, but there is only ONE station to pick from within many hundreds of miles. I knew I was dealing with a VERY remote location here. CBC Radio 1 stories on 94.7, 95.5, and 99.9 parallel and perfect.

Just people talking, someone calling "Andrew, Andrew, Andrew!!!" and some people playing in a babbling brook and splashing around and talking gossip and whatnot, on, and on, and on (and on). Finally gave up on all of them as they weren't getting better or worse or anything at all, but as it faded out as I turn the corner leaving the beach and driving inland, I got an ID (the LAST thing I heard from it): "...C Radio 1 " -- obviously CBC R1. 93.3 VF2504 came in at 30 watts, "NCI-FM -- It's Country!!!" with Manitoba mentions.

E-skip to northern Manitoba. Turn the curve leaving the beach and it's all OUT. 1000 miles - first ever Es to the north. Inland: MUF below Ch 2 - nothing at all. More on this later (Chris Kadlec, Grand Haven, Mich., June 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

97.1, Gillam MB home-run or CJOB-AM still??

Apparently all of my stations from tonight on the beach were associated with a large army of flea-powered translators. IDs aside, it's virtually impossible to ID these stations' location exactly. By placing them all on the same map with different colours for each station, all four of them appear to be really close together in the Gillam, MB area (that is, noting that there are other choices on each frequency). It's pretty tough to map them out online -- the map programs don't recognize the settlement names; I have to use coordinates. The one stable one: there's one Radio 1 on 94.7 -- in Ilford (by Gillam).

My 97.1 is a real mystery though. There isn't exactly a lot of stuff online about stations in Northern Canada, which I think is a reason no one *truly* wants Es from up there (you can't ID anything!!!). There is only one 97.1 ANYWHERE around this Es zone (and far far beyond that even). It's in Gillam. But everything online says it's CJOB-AM's signal. So what gives here?!!! What I heard sounded like something run out of a house and when the girl comes into the room and notices the song had already ended, just picks up a list and reads what she played and puts on something else and probably goes and watches TV. I mean, that was ALL. It came in like it was from down the road.

Don't we have one DXer on here from Manitoba??? Any help would be appreciated on this.

My 94.7 / 95.5 / 99.9 CBC Radio One trio is as accounted for as it's gonna be I think, as well as 93.3 NCI-FM.

Any way you look at it, all of these are incredibly low powered. But it's nice to say for sure "I got this --- and not this other 30-watt station a half hour away." (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., June 28, ibid.) See also PROPAGATION

It is interesting when Es gets strong enough to bring in signals like these. Dave in Oregon had a similar opening and after much research narrowed one down to a aboriginal station, very low power in a rural northern Manitoba community. The station is not even listed with the official Canadians. Something about aboriginal Canadian settlements don't require licenses for their low power stations. So there may be more stations than what you are seeing if using Girard's FM spreadsheet. I feel your frustration. Want to trade for a Cuban FM opening? ;-) (Randy KW4RZ Zerr, Ft Walton Beach, FL, ibid.)

June 27: [pertinent log excerpts, in CDT?]
1215 CJEL- 93.5 MB Morden remote, "The Eagle 93-5"
1219 CFQX-104.1 MB "Blue Bombers", "lclspas.mb.ca" *NEW*
1223 CICY-105.5 MB "NCI-FM", "Misty Lake Lodge, Aboriginal owned" NEW*
1224 CJRL- 89.5 ON "CJRL 20-20 Weather", outright ads not allowed in
USA on this frequency *NEW*
1243 CILT-96.7 MB "steinbachonline.com" *NEW*

unIDs:
1030 89.1 CKSB-9-FM? French, mono
1230 101.5 CBK-FM-2 SK? classical
1238 90.1 CBQI-ON? mono, talking about Canadian wine
100.9 CBQH-ON? // 90.1
1249 92.7 CBWS-MB? classical
(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

I managed to pick up four low-powered stations in Manitoba on the beach, and only on the beach. The stations were in stable, perfect or near perfect at times, and there was absolutely nothing sporadic about them. They were at times stronger than some of my locals. I'm sure they would have lasted a good hour or two more if I had enough juice in the car battery to not worry about getting stranded 45 miles from home, but I left early figuring if Es was into FM on the beach, it would be the same at home -- of course, I still haven't learned my lesson I guess.

My 97.1 is pending confirmation from the Town of Gillam and CJOB-AM - hoping to hear that they are no longer affiliated with that translator and I'm sure the people in Gillam can tell me what they're broadcasting locally. The NCI-FM is a pretty sure thing, as well as being rather sure of the locations of my three CBC Radio 1 translators. Given the stability of this local opening, I knew the stations were very close together in distance and mapping them out showed that as well. The strongest stations were closest to Gillam and the strongest of the strong ones also had the most power - 99.9 at 310 watts was easily taking out my local 99.9 that is usually booming in and with RDS but could barely get a second or two in the entire time. 94.7 was a sure thing in Ilford (40 miles from Gillam) - it's the only translator on the frequency. Interestingly enough, all catches last night on the beach were on stations directly adjacent to powerful locals.

Gillam is about 150 miles south of Nunavut, 70 miles from Hudson Bay.

Still, with missing so much of a huge opening, four low powered translator stations from the boreal forests sure does make my week. Gosh, makes me happy I didn't go to Massachusetts for the week to see my family (of which I decided not to do for it being the middle of the final analog season).

JUNE 27, 2008 NORTHERN MANITOBA OPENING, 2100-2200 (partial only)
Grand Haven Beach, Michigan (heard local-like on beach *only*)

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   * 93.3 VF2504 FM MB Paint Lake +  1009 mi  -- 32 WATTS
   * 95.5 CBWM FM MB Oxford House +  917 mi -- 78 WATTS
     94.7 CBWI FM MB Ilford +   991 mi -- 86 WATTS
   # 97.1 CFIL FM MB Gillam   992 mi  -- 89 WATTS (see note below)
   * 99.9 CBWG FM MB Gillam +   992 mi -- 310 WATTS
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NOTES:
* 93.3, 95.5, and 99.9 are all rebroadcasters in Northern Manitoba. Final station locations were decided upon by mapping the transmitters' locations in relation to the solid match of 94.7 CBWI and the supposed

97.1 solid match (temporary pending confirmation). 93.3 IDed as NCI-FM, which has two stations on this frequency 270 miles apart. The CBC Radio One trio IDed as CBC Radio One, 89.3 (CBW-FM 1 Winnipeg). There are multiple translators on these frequencies. Most stations were in stable and in perfect local-like with little to no static or interference for a half hour before leaving the beach, upon which time they all abruptly faded out at Lighthouse Connector Park (yet remained stable along Harbor Drive, especially beside the bluff behind Lighthouse Point Condos).

97.1 was not heard as officially listed. A licensed station to this area, which is 40 miles from the 94.7 match, is reported as rebroadcasting CJOB-AM Winnipeg. However, the station sounded like a community station run from a home, which included religious country/folk music, a minute or two of dead air after each song set, then a girl with a native/northern Canadian accent reading off the last songs slowly and in a monotone voice. Likely a non-licensed and undocumented First Nations translator - in very strong though.

This season's full detailed log can be seen here:
http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/temporary/2008.txt

(Chris Kadlec,
Lake Inversion Studies & Es Gallery: http://www.beaglebass.com/dx
Personal: http://www.beaglebass.com //
http://www.michellegardnerquinn.com
Grand Haven Mich. Beach Site: 43 03 02 N, 86 14 39 W / 598 feet
WTFDA via DXLD) see also PROPAGATION

** CHAD. 7120, R Dif. Nationale Tchadienne, Gredia, N'DjamÈna, 0440-0715 fade out and fade in 1500-2236v*, Jun 12 and 18, (Jun 16 *0510) French ID's "Radio Chad", talks, news, Afropop, short piece of instrumental national anthem, 34433, morning QRM BBC, via Meyerton in English on 7120 and CRI in Hindi in the afternoon. No longer heard on 4905 or 6165 (Roland Schulze, Stuttgart, Germany, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

7120, RNT, 2202-2233*, June 28, French. Long talk between two M, possible recorded speech, native music at 2220, announcer at 2226 with brief Kor`an-like chants and music with talk over, NA at 2232, poor with huge splatter via 7115-WYFR Wertachtal. Tnx B. Alexander tip (Scott R. Barbour, Jr.. Intervale, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 3280, Shanghai PBS, 1248-1308, June 28, in Chinese, fair with pop songs, ToH 5+1 pips, ads, more songs, // 4950 (fair-good) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6035, PBS Yunnan, 1243, June 28, in Vietnamese, fair, both spurs also heard: 6027 (poor) and 6043 (fair), all clearly parallel. Thanks to Mauno Ritola of Finland for his help identifying these spurious signals (DXLD 8-072) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. V. of Strait News Channel is now on 9505 kHz instead of 11590 kHz, between 0000-1200 (WRTHmonitor June 27 via DXLD)

** CHINA. 21900, Chinese Jammer, fundamental? 1415 UT (Tim Bucknall, mobile Log Axe Edge Derbyshire 28/6/08, Icom IC7000 + Sharman Modulator CB whip, harmonics yg via DXLD)

No, surely 3 x 7300 vs SOH (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. During early June, I received the Jan-Feb 2008 issue of CRI's magazine "the Messenger" which includes some photos of the CRI headquarters building which was completed in September 1995, after three years of construction, and put into use in Spring 1997. It is located in Shijingshan District, the future central recreation district of Beijing. It is surrounded by parks and meadows and has become a landmark in western Beijing (Alan Roe, UK, July WDXC Contact via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. Rev. Melissa on 7375 at 0450. No //s heard, which is unusual. Seems like Costa Rica has been off a lot lately. 27 June (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right, Liz, I've been checking DGS Cahuita frequencies lately and all, except 7375 heard June 26 at 0300, have been off the air. With all transmitters off at any given time, one wonders if they forgot to pay the power bill. BTW, same happened with DGS Anguilla when I checked 6090 around 0900. 73 and good listening (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

Raul, I have a log of English preacher on 11870 at 2324 June 25, SINPO 24432, modulation was a bit muffled.

I have this logged as Dr Gene Scott Cahuita, presumed on the what-else-could-it-be principle as nothing else listed and the propagation matched what was coming through on the rest of the band here at the time (Mike Barraclough, England, ibid.)

Usually slightly off-frequency too. WEWN Spanish starts at 0000 when TIRWR supposedly closes (gh, DXLD)

11870 heard at 2245 with weak signal and heavy splatter from DW Sines 11865 in German. From 0000, 11870 off and 7375 // 6150 stronger with

splatter from Radio Rep˙blica 6155 Rampishan. No trace of 9725, usually on the air for late afternoon (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Cuban radio calls website --- Handy official site (ICRT) with summary of call signs by Cuban province, city & radio network: http://www.radiocubana.cu/directorio_radio_cubana.asp

I've never seen the calls for Radio Havana Cuba shortwave (CMRH) listed before (William R. Hepburn, Grimsby, ON, CAN, Web Site: http://www.dxinfocentre.com WTFDA via DXLD) And CMRH has 12 SW transmitters; R. Rebelde, CMBA, three (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. ESCUCHE RADIO NUEVA NACI"N
UNA LUZ HACIA LA LIBERTAD Y LA DEMOCRACIA

Escuche todos los s·bados a las 9 y media de la noche [0130 UT Sundays], hora est·ndar del este, por nuestra frecuencia [sic; WWFE] de 670 AM y todos los domingos a las 7 de la maÒana [1100 UT Sundays] por nuestra frecuencia [sic; WRMI] de onda corta en los 9955 kilohertz, banda de 31 metros, La Nueva NaciÛn, Ûrgano oficial del Partido Nacionalista Democr·tico de Cuba, trabajando por una naciÛn donde el estado estÈ al servicio del ciudadano y el ciudadano sea dueÒo de su propio destino.

El prÛximo s·bado 28 de junio y el domingo 29 de junio transmitiremos la primera ediciÛn de nuestros programas por ambas frecuencias. Por internet puede escucharnos desde el enlace de nuestra p·gina http://www.pndcuba.org para ambos programa (s·bado y domingo) o visitando http://www.lapoderosa.com para el programa de los s·bados y http://www.wrmi.net para el programa de los domingos. Alfredo M. Cepero, Secretario General; Frank Resillez, Secretario de InformaciÛn

Para informaciÛn sobre el Partido Nacionalista Democr·tico de Cuba, puede usted visitar nuestra p·gina http://www.pndcuba.org En la misma tambien podr· escuchar Radio Nueva NaciÛn, emisora oficial del PNDC, todos los s·bados a las 9 y media PM, hora estandar del este y los domingos a las 7 AM, hora estandar del este (via Jeff White, DXLD)

Glenn: Same program on both stations. It's recorded here in our studio and broadcast on both AM and SW (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 5940, R Rep˙blica, via Rampisham (presumed), *2200-2400*, Jun 21, Spanish, ex Nauen 5955, synchronized with // 6135 beneath heavy jamming on both (Glenn Hauser, OK, as edited for DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

I did not say it was ex-Nauen 5955. That transmission continues at 01-02 until July 1 (gh, DXLD)

** CZECHIA. Re 8-073: Still no sign of R. Prague, I checked the 2200 UT broadcast that I often listen with good signal on 9415 but nothing today June 26th and the 0000 UT June 27 on 7345 is also silent. Wonder when they will be back (Gilles Letourneau, QuÈbec, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1100 June 27, Radio Prague Czech broadcast being heard on 11665 and 15710, both strong signals (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, ibid.)

Dear Glenn: The absence of Radio Prague from 9415, etc. lasted about 48 hours due to storm problems, and could be only temporary. But, maybe if the Frequency Managers of both Radio Prague and The Voice of Greece get their heads together, perhaps they can widen the 5 kHz gap that now exists between 9415 and 9420 with adjacent-channel interference to both. These are the HFCC A08 Registrations:

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9415 2200 2300 4-9
           LIT 100 310 1234567 300308 261008 D FreEng CZE RPR TCH 6208
9415 2300 2330 6-15
           LIT 100 245 1234567 300308 261008 D Spa    CZE RPR TCH 6209
9420 2100 2400 6-11,18,27,28,36-38
           AVL 250 323 1234567 300308 261008 D GR     GRC ERA ERA 6791
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Regards (John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, June 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. 5815, R. Spaceshuttle, via World Music R, Ilskov, 2010-2040, Sunday Jun 15, "Midsummer special Show" with English ID's with echosound, asks for reception reports per e-mail. Increased power?? S = 9+20 dB in Stuttgart (Roland Schulze, Stuttgart, Germany, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

The Finnish Spaceshuttle was again on the air with 7 kW from Ilskov on Jun 15 at 0600-1000 and 1900-2300 on 5815. It was also heard strongly in the UK and even with weak signals in U.S.A. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark [owner of WMR], ibid.)

Letterbox will include reception reports of listeners on Feb 17. Please remember that this is again one and rare good chance to get a verification from Denmark on SW. Reports welcome (with 2 euros/ us-dollars or IRC's) to: Radio Spaceshuttle International, P. O. Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten, The Netherlands. PS: All older reports will be posted now when our brand new QSL's has finally been designed and printed ("spaceshuttleradio" via DXplorer, Jun 14 via DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. DESAPARECE LA FRECUENCIA 21455 USB DE HCJB --- En el programa "Aventura Diexista" de HCJB Voz Global, del s·bado 28 de junio 2008, se informa de la desapariciÛn, este fin de semana, de la frecuencia 21455 kHz en banda lateral (USB), dirigida hacia Europa y PacÌfico del Sur. DespuÈs de casi 3 dÈcadas en el aire, esta frecuencia era muy popular entre los radioaficionados. Pese a que la transmisiÛn ocupa solo 1 kW, el propÛsito del cierre es para minimizar costos de transmisiÛn. Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, CÛrdoba, EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola: Quiz·s estÈ equivocado y la memoria me falle, pero creo recordar que este transmisor de banda lateral no siempre ha salido en 21455, yo lo he escuchado en 17490 kHz, y tengo un par de QSLs que precisamente he buscado al leer la noticia. Este transmisor lo tengo verificado en septiembre de 1993 y abril de 1994, en horas tan poco habituales como las 1059 y las 1800 UTC.

Recuerdo eso si el excelente programa "M˙sica del Ecuador", que a pesar de que la banda lateral no es precisamente ideal para la m˙sica, lograba centrarla con el B.F.O. y deleitarme con las canciones. °Tiempos pasados!. En fin la misma razÛn econÛmica que siempre se menciona. Saludos y buenos DX, Cordialmente, (Tom·s MÈndez, El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona EspaÒa, Visite mi sitio Web en : http://www.amarantadx.net ibid.)

The low power transmitter at Pifo that kept 21455 (in the past run with one of the 30 kW Siemens transmitters now used for the DRM experiments, the other one was on 17490) on air until now will be closed down today, according to HCJB German service, as quoted herein (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[A-DX] HCJB beendet SSB-Ausstrahlungen auf 21455 kHz

Die heutige Sendung f¸r DX-er aus Quito enthielt die Meldung, dass Radio HCJB seine SSB-Frequenz 21 455 kHz nach fast 30 Jahren an diesem Wochenende aus Kostengr¸nden abschaltet. Theoretisch besteht am 29.06.08 letztmalig die Gelegenheit, HCJB auf dieser Frequenz in SSB zu hˆren (plattdeutsch/deutsch 0630/0700 UT).

Das DX-Programm von HCJB enthielt ¸brigens u. a. auch den Beitrag der AGDX zu den deutschsprachigen ERF-Sendungen f¸r das s¸dliche Afrika und deren Perspektiven. Gr¸ße aus Sangerhausen (Horst Cersovsky, Geruany, June 28, A-DX via Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. EGITO, 9300, 1903-1906, ERTU Radio Cairo, Cairo, Jun 27, OM recitando mantras religiosos em Arabe, OM talk English. SINPO 35434.

RX- Kenwood R 1000, ANT- Long Wire 25m + balun 9:1. 73's , (Cleiber Andrade Junior, Conselheiro Lafaiete MG, Brazil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EGIPTO, 6270, Radio Cairo, 1840-1843, escuchada el 28 de junio en idioma sin identificar, probablemente en urdu a locutor con comentarios, m˙sica de sintonÌa. Este servicio se anuncia de 1600 a 1800 UT; no recuerdo haberlo escuchado tan tarde. øAmpliaciÛn de horario o emisiÛn accidental?, SINPO 44433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EGIPTO, 9250, Radio Wadi El Nile, 2023-2025, escuchada el 27 de junio en ·rabe con emisiÛn de m˙sica; se aprecia ligera interferencia de estaciÛn de n˙meros que emite en 9251 USB, SINPO 44333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL. 6250, Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial, 1955-2005, escuchada el 26 de junio en espaÒol a locutora con lectura de recursos, nombres de abogados, presidentes y letrados, SINPO 44333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia). EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) R. Cairo European service was originally scheduled here in A-08, but on 11549.5 instead colliding with WEWN (gh, DXLD)

GUINEA ECUATORIAL, 6250, Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial, 1925-1935, escuchada el 28 de junio con emisiÛn de m˙sica pop africano; se aprecia ligera interferencia por seÒal digital, SINPO 34433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 8000, Voice of Broad Masses , 1502-1553, escuchada el 28 de junio en idioma africano sin identificar, probablemente en bile/saho, aunque me parecÌa tigrilla [sic], locutor con boletÌn de noticias, referencias a Somalia y Sud·n, posible identificaciÛn ì...Asmarindo...î, m˙sica folklÛrica local. Me recuerda a la m˙sica del S·hara. Locutor y locutora en conversaciÛn; recuerdo a esta locutora con una voz muy dulce. Se aprecia un ligero pitido en la transmisiÛn, tambiÈn largos silencios entre las transiciones de la parte hablada y la m˙sica; se corta abruptamente. Un chequeo posterior se aprecia servicio reanudado a las 1602, SINPO 44544 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Port Saplaya (Alboraya), EspaÒa, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena telescÛpica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 17/6 1641 - 6030 kHz (DE1103 receiver), RADIO OROMIA - Gedja (Etiopia), Tk OMs e mx pop locale. Segnale sufficiente- buono QRM R. Budapest 6025 kHz (Luca Botto Fiora, Rapallo (Genova), G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 9704.2, R. Ethiopia, Geja Dera, 0755-0851, 24 Jun, vernacular, songs, news (?) till 0804, music, talks; increasingly fluttery; 34443 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17690, Voice of Meselna Delina, 1820-1825, Th Jun 12, Tigrinya talk referring to Africa and "..America.. Iran... Bin Laden..", 45333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD) New frequency, ex 12015 (DSWCI Ed., ibid.)

No it`s not; has been on 17690 for a long time, not 12015 (gh, DXLD)

** FAROE ISLANDS. 531 MW. We discussed the Faroes in Vejers, and I wrote one of my technical friends up there and asked about the absence of their medium wave. His reply was that the old transmitter stopped working at the beginning of May, but they are now installing new 2 x 50 kW transmitters, which can be coupled to 100 kW. They expect 531 kHz back around Oct 01. Until then, hear them via http://www.uf.fo/ (Erik K¯ie, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

** FRANCE. RADIO FRANCE PULLS THE PLUG ON JAZZ
http://www.jazz.com/jazz-blog/2008/6/26/radio-france-no-jazz
I think this is domestic R. France (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. [Re 8-069, 8-072] 9655, Lutheran World Federation, via Wertachtal, DTK. As he had promised via e-mail (Cf. DX-Window no. 352), I received a full detailed confirmation letter by post from Mr. Jukka Latva-Hakuni, Media Consultant. He states that the programme is in Fulani language. The letter came from Lutheran World Federation, 150 Route de Ferney, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland. On the envelope can be read P. O. Box 2100, CH-1211 Geneva 2. I sent my report by e-mail to the HQ in Geneva and the previous answer from Mr. Latva-Hakuni came from jukka.latva-hakuni @ mission.fi (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Malgrat de Mar, Spain, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 17/6 1339 - 6005 kHz (S500 receiver), RADIO 700 - Kall Krekel (Germania), Tedesco, mx varia e ids. Segnale insufficiente-buono (Luca Botto Fiora, Rapallo (Genova), G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GREECE [and non]. VOG 9420 vs Prague 9415: see CZECHIA

** INDONESIA. 4790.03, RRI Fak-Fak, 1151-1210+ Jun 23. Indo vocal music hosted by YL; 1159 SCI; Jak news at 1200. Fair (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4869.91, RRI Wamena, (Tentative), 1045-1105 June 28.

Just sitting here on the carrier from about 1045 when at 1049 I hear singing buried in the noise. Periodically it fades in to an audible level over the noise. This continues during the above listening period. The carrier as mentioned, is pretty clear, but audio needs help. At 1059 to the hour, interval signal heard. This was followed with a female talking. Then a male presents the news. Signal was threshold (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. VOI, 9526, June 27 at 1249 with Indonesian music, no het or tone today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.97, VOI, 1222, June 28, continues to change frequencies here almost on a daily basis (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. The day the internet died

I enjoy reading thru a number of radio, old song, HDTV, satellite and old TV shows in Alt newsgroups. When I attempted to read thru them on the morning of Saturday June 28, 2008, they were gone.

Searching the net I discovered this was caused by my ISP (Verizon). This is Verizon's attempt to control porn. I have no problem with Verizon controlling porn, but they should not have eliminated all Alt newsgroups. Verizon is now only offering "The Big 8" newsgroups (comp, humanities, misc, news, rec, sci, soc, and talk). Will Verizon lower my monthly DSL bill. Unlikely.

Sprint and Time Warner will do the same or have already done the same as Verizon.

Even more disturbing when I clicked an existing bookmark to take me to Google Group search I was informed "The requested URL /advanced_group_search?hl=en was not found on this server." This is very disturbing as the Google Group search is usually one of my first stops when I'm trying to find a solution to a problem. In the past Google Group search has quickly provided solutions to problems (auto, receiver, antenna, software development and hardware, etc). Now, apparently, this resource is gone. Is the missing Google Group search related to the Verizon action?

Washington Post article on Verizon's action
http://blog.washingtonpost.com/fasterforward/2008/06/verizon_slashes_usenet_access.html
[+ huge appendix of comments]

This is a shame and shows, as I've claimed in the past, the internet

is unreliable and too easily blocked. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA USA, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Road Runner pulled the plug last week. The official reason is "no one used it" (John Mayson, Austin, Texas, USA, ibid.)

It isn't the "Internet" that is being blocked. Verizon isn't failing to pass a request through to some IP address out there in cyberspace. They are shutting down parts of their own Verizon Usenet news server.

Usenet works by synchronizing local Usenet news servers with the Usenet network of servers. Most ISPs used to provide this service to customers, but I see so many discontinuing this of late, cutting it back, or outsourcing which is just as bad, as you get zero customer service on problems. My ISP Charter does this and uses HighWinds as a Usenet provider. Verizon is cutting back their own local Usenet service level, i.e. what parts of the total Usenet feed they are offering to customers.

Usenet is still out there, you just lost access to it. Google Groups cut back on uncensored access quite a while ago, too.

As for me I hate to see this. It's a fallout of so many recent unsophisticated users, folks who know only a web browser and nothing much more about other services running on the Internet. As for me, I came from a time before web browsers and the World Wide Web, and still would take Usenet over the web if I had to choose one or the other. But alas, most recent Internet users really never delve deep enough into what's out there to take advantage of it, so ISPs can get away with cutting back what should (and I expect) to be a provided service. We tech types don't fall into that category, but there aren't enough of us to stop ISPs from closing down services they perceive to be under used. There's a lot more out there than just Usenet or the web too in cyberspace.

Getting good Usenet service these days requires subscribing to a company that specializes in Usenet service. There are quite a few out there and the price is reasonable. Check the newsgroups they offer, whether they filter (if that is important to you), the download speeds they offer with different tiers, and their posting retention times. Some are better than others. You will find these services are a lot faster than ISP provided access, so you do get something more for your subscription.

Additionally, locally archive any Usenet posts you find of interest. that way you'll have your copy and will always have access to the information. This is done easily with any decent Usenet client. Do look at getting a good client too. It makes a world of difference on

convenience and features. Hope some of this is useful (Rick Kunath, ibid.)

Rick, Thanks for the input. Of course I realize the internet, itself, is the same. However, I imagine most feel the internet is what their ISP provides. In my case, and a lot of others, the internet is now, unfortunately, not the same.

I lost a valuable resource. Was bad enough Verizon DSL began at $12.99 US per month and is now $21.99 per month. I need my "Alt.Prisoner" fix! 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, June 29, ibid.)

Google's start page for usenet groups is at:
http://groups.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=46854

rec.radio.shortwave is still available via Google, so you can can continue to enjoy the flame wars --- having nothing to do with SW radio or DXing --- between angry, lonely people found in that group.

The Verizon decision is much more analogous to a decision by a radio station to cancel a certain program than it is an example of the internet's "unreliability," how easily it can be blocked, etc. However, I expect Verizon's action will be mentioned in the 2009 edition of Paranoia and. . . . I mean, Passport to World Band Radio! ;-) (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17
http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/ ibid.)

Harry, Thanks for the info. However, the link provided, http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/ [sic] is not the Group Search of last week. Unfortunately, I've lost a great resource in newsgroups. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

Re: ``Usenet is still out there, you just lost access to it. Google Groups cut back on uncensored access quite a while ago, too``

In which way? The list of available Usenet groups at http://groups.google.de/groups/dir?sel=gtype%3D0 looks comprehensive, as far as text messages are concerned (binaries are actually a mere abuse). Want an example of an almost dead group? Check out de.alt.hoerfunk, once supposed to be the place for German-language discussions about radio (as a broadcast medium, of course).

And Verizon not only eliminated the evil alt. domain but all the irrelevant stuff from abroad as well? Cute (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 29, ibid.)

Kai, Thanks for the info. I will try the link suggested. Will results be in German? BTW, was looking at my R. Berlin Int QSLs on Saturday

evening and thinking about how long it will take me to scan them for my website. Didn't take me long to hear, in my mind, the RBI ident signal and some of their programs. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

** IRAN [non]. LITUANIA, 6055, Voz de la Rep. Isl·mica de Ir·n, 2028-2032, escuchada el 28 de junio en espaÒol, sintonÌa, locutora con ID, lectura de Aleyas desde la 180 a 183. Se aprecia de fondo la emisiÛn musical de Radio Rwanda, SINPO 44444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 6973, Galei Zahal; 0053-0100+, 24-June; Israeli folk music; Hebrew announcer cut it short with GZ ID! then into news at 0100. SIO=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** ITALY. Italian Catholic broadcaster Radio Maria today uses at the same time 26000 kHz for AM and 26010 kHz for DRM. While writing this at 1800 UT I am hearing both signals here in Germany via Sporadic E propagation. 73 (Harald Kuhl, QTH J041XN, June 25, HCDX via DXLD)

Re: 8-073, ``(Radio Maria) In simulcast since June 11: AM 26000, DRM 26010. RMS 250 W, antenna 5/8 WL (Roberto Scagione, Sicily, June 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DRM/AM simulcast is hardly ever done; how does this work? Is it a single transmitter or really two on adjacent frequencies? (gh, DXLD)``

Radio Maria, Italy 250 watts currently being heard well here in AM on 26000, DRM on 26010, Sporadic E propagation, strong steady signal 0935 to 0939 UTC. Simulcast transmitter recently inaugurated, had been in AM only (Mike Barraclough, England, June 27, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

One transmitter as implied in DRM usage possibilities for simulcast? http://www.drm.org/for-broadcasters/usage-possibilities/

There's a report of simulcast being tested in Mexico City at: http://www.drm.org/for-broadcasters/drm-itu-submission/

which includes:

The broadcast of AM and DRM simulcast signal was carried out by making a change in Radio EducaciÛn's transmitting infrastructure. The transmitter that Radio EducaciÛn has in the centre of Iztapalapa usually transmits an analogue AM power of 100 kWatt. That equipment consists of two Harris DX50 transmitters combined so that it can offer the total power of 100 kW. During these tests, AM-DRM simulcast equipment was installed in one of the Harris DX50 transmitters, while

the second DX50 unit was shut down. The AM-DRM exciter is manufactured by Continental Electronics and Transradio (former Telefunken). The installation of DMOD 2 exciter and the adaptation of power distribution elements and the radiating system feeding were made in a few hours. This short period of time shows that the adaptation of an AM centre to transform into a simulcast broadcast centre is an easy task.

The transmitter output AM DRM simulcast signal was produced according to one of the possibilities, described in recommendation ITU-R BS.1615 ITU Annexes. The DRM signal is located in the upper or lower side of the AM signal with its central frequency at 10 kHz away from AM carrier. The relative levels between the analogue and the digital signal powers were adjusted to 16 dB (being the digital part 16 dB lower than the analogue). This ratio was established to have a balance between digital signal broadcast power ñand therefore coverage- and to maintain at the same time a negligible perturbation of the analogue signal.

Report on Radio Maria simulcast transmission:
http://portale.italradio.org/portale/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1179&newlang=eng

Photos (antenna, previous transmitter):
http://www.mediasuk.org/ARCHIVE/radio_maria.html
(Mike Barraclough, England, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Maria, Andrate on 26000 kHz has raised power for their AM transmission from 0.1 to 0.25 kW and started a simultaneous DRM transmission on 26010 kHz (WRTHmonitor June 27 via DXLD)

26000, R. Maria, Andrate, on AM mode, is being noted as late as 1800 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ITALIA, 26000, Radio Maria, 1618-1623, escuchada el 29 de junio en italiano a locutor con programa religioso, comentarios ì..SubordinaciÛn al Papa..î, ìCongreso moral.. Evangelioî, SINPO 45554 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Playa Pobla Farnals (Valencia), EspaÒa, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena TelescÛpica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Signal ratings from a couple of reception reports to IRRS/IPAR, during WORLD OF RADIO Friday June 27 at 1930-2000 on 7290:

SINPO 34433: Andreas Muecklich, Berlin, Germany, Grundig Satellit 700 with telescope antenna

SINPO 44533; INTERFERENCE: - much noise but not clearly caused by one other station --- RECEPTION MODE: AM (best in ECCS LSB) RECEIVER:

JAPAN RADIO COMPANY NRD 545; AERIAL: T2FD 6 MHz. E. J. Zijlstra, 8196 KR WELSUM, the Netherlands (via Alfredo Cotroneo, NEXUS-IBA, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. ARMENIA, 7530, Radio Free North Korea, 2020-2023, escuchada el 27 de junio en coreano a locutor y locutora con comentarios, seÒal pobre con mucho ruido, SINPO 33232 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINES FOR NORTH KOREA, 6600, Voice of the People, Gimpo, 1102-1107, June 28, Korean, news by female, jammed, 23432.

6003, Echo of Hope, Gimpo, 1108-1112, June 28, Korean, news by male & female, 34433 // 6348 from Goyang with 22432 (jammed) (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LATVIA. Relays this Sunday 9290 kHz June 29th
Latvia Today 1500-1600 UT
EMR 1600-1700 UT
and repeated via the internet at http://www.emr.org.uk
1800 and 2000 UT Sunday and Monday night.
Good Listening 73s (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA [non]. LITUANIA, 9635, Radio Liberty, 0550-0554, escuchada el 26 de junio probablemente en Tatar a locutor y locutora con boletÌn de noticias, posible cuÒa de identificaciÛn, ì..Alexander. ..di·logo. ..î, se aprecia fuerte zumbido y hay que templar a 9634 para intentar evitarlo, SINPO 43443 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia). EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This has been via Biblis, Germany, since April 16, tho Aoki still has it as Sitkunai (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 11884.70, Suara Malaysia (Voice of Malaysia) via RTM, 1224-1230*, June 28, in Chinese, indigenous chanting/singing, usual poor audio, off with choral National Anthem (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 9635, R. Mali, Kati, 0840-1420, 28 Jun, Vernacular, tribal songs, French at 0900, vernacular at 1400; 35433; parallel to 7284.5 only (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, Radio Mauritania (presumed), 0629-0651, June 28, in Arabic, Islamic/Middle Eastern type singing/chanting, fair (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re 6104.8v, MÈrida: ``Can't attest for subjective words such as "blasting in" however, but possible (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Signal "blasting in" is an old Steve Reinstein-ism for *much better* than normal or expected signal (Bob Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, ibid.)

** MEXICO. FMDX: can`t get a decent signal from XEQM 6105v, so I`ll just pick up their FM station! Axually, as always with Sporadic E, one is at the mercy of when openings occur, all or nothing even tho analog.

June 29 at 1640 UT, the MUF was at least channel 5 TV, so I broke out the DX-398 portable, and started checking FM. It helps to be able to manipulate the whip rapidly to avoid all the local QRM. Altho we have some Spanish around here, such as KAMG-LP 92.1 Enid, that language really stands out on other frequencies when bandscanning.

Soon found some on 89.3 at 1644 UT, ID as Radio EnergÌa, Mexican PSA, 1646 live DJ with timecheck, ad for Club de Golf de Yucat·n. 1652 phone in sportstalk about soccer and an upcoming game somewhere in Europe. Got back to 89.3 slightly after 1700 so missed ID if any at hourtop, still phoner sportstalk, gone by 1703 and I quit at 1708. This is doubtless XHMIA licensed to Kanasin --- why necessary to rimshot? Near MÈrida. Cant˙ linx to website http://www.radio893.fm/ which shows this is axually called Ultra 89.3, but also with radio energia slogan.

95.3, at 1654 UT June 29, Spanish DJ mentioning Candela in passing, and ``la mera mera Candela 95.3``; gone at 1658, 1701 in and out weakly in talk. So this is XHMH MÈrida, which gets relayed on 6105v.

Checked all the other listed MÈrida frequencies but above MUF and/or blocked by adjacent/co-channel QRM. One more made it, tho:

92.9, 1656 UT June 29 slogan ``la pirinola [? Not sure of spelling, a name?] gira la radio``. 1658 news headlines about TÌbet, sports, outroed as announced by Jes˙s Alejandro Torres, for Sistema Nacional de Noticiarios, Grupo IMER, ID but with fades so missing some words: ``XH-Yuc, FM, 92.9, transmite desde . . . Calle 90 . . . con 100 mil watts. . .``. XHYUC is also in MÈrida, one of the local public radio outlets, website http://www.yucatanfm.imer.com.mx/ I would like to have heard XERUY on 103.9 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. DRM simulcasting: see ITALY

** MONGOLIA. 12085, V. of Mongolia, Khonkhor, 1540-1559*, 23 Jun,

English, talks, letterbox, music; 25432 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 819 kHz, RTM-"A", Rabat, 0750- 24 Jun, Arabic, Arab songs; 35454; some carrier noise and extremely weak audio/modulation; still bad when I checked it at 1400. Noted better on 28 Jun at around 2230 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 9730.75, Myanma R, Yangon, noted past 0800 and still on Burmese Service till 1512*..this has continued all evening (Victor Goonetilleke, Kolamunne, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. RADIO CHAVALA Y RADIO CUMICHE --- VOCES DE LA NI—EZ

En un paÌs literalmente de niÒos, niÒas y adolescentes, sÛlo existen dos radioemisoras que responden a sus sueÒos y expectativas: Radio Chavala (95.3 F.M.), con apenas veinte vatios de potencia, ubicada en Altagracia, uno de los barrios m·s populosos de Managua y Radio Cumiche (107.7 F.M.), con quinientos vatios, radicada en EstelÌ. Dos emisoras realizadas y conducidas por niÒos, niÒas y adolescentes. . . http://www.confidencial.com.ni/medioySociedad_589.html
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, June 27, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NIGER. 9705, La Vox du Sahel, Niamey, 1112-1230, 28 Jun, vernacular, talks, local songs, IDs in French, tribal tunes; 24432, increasing QRM de ETH 9704.2. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 21/6 2214 - 6089.9 kHz (S500 receiver), FRCN - Kaduna, Hausa, tk OM (modulazione distorta). Segnale sufficiente- molto buono QRM portanti 6090.0 kHz (Luca Botto Fiora, Rapallo (Genova), G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. FURTHER JAPANESE AID TO IMPROVE MEDIUMWAVE BROADCASTING

The Federal Government of Nigeria has secured more financial aid to the tune of N554 million (526 Japanese Yen) for the improvement of the mediumwave radio broadcasting network in the country. This amount will enable the government to expand the Enugu phase two of the network through the provision of a 100 kW transmitter to support the Kaduna phase one of the project.

For phase one, the same Japanese Agency for International Cooperation (JICA) donated about N660 million (642m Japanese Yen) for the installation of a 200 kW transmitter in Kaduna State. The Minister of Communications and Information, Mr. John Ogar Odey, disclosed this at the signing ceremony of the exchange of notes in his office in Abuja

yesterday.

He said that investment in the broadcasting sector cannot be overemphasised. The Minister stressed, ìThis cooperation is by no means new to us; indeed, the first phase - the installation of 200 kW transmitter in Kaduna marked the beginning of what we are witnessing today.î (Source: LeadershipNigeria.com) (June 27th, 2008 - 10:29 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLDO) WTFK?

** OKLAHOMA. KOSU 91.7 Stillwater announced on June 27: parts to repair relay station KOSN-107.5 Ketchum-Tulsa, damaged by storm, have been received and hope to be back on air (plus 107.3 Tulsa and 101.9 Okmulgee translators) in about a week; was insured but asking for donations to pay the deductible (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. Completo esquema de la estaciÛn relay de la BBC en ASeela (250 kW):

HORA UT	KHZ	IDIOMA
0000-0100	5970	InglÈs
0030-0100	6065	BengalÌ
0100-0130	6065	Hindi
0100-0130	9605	Pashto
0100-0200	9410	InglÈs
0130-0200	11995	Dari
0130-0200	6065	Urdu
0200-0230	11855	Ruso
0200-0300	11955	InglÈs
0230-0300	11995	Hindi
0230-0330	11855	Farsi
0300-0400	15360	InglÈs
0300-0600	15310	InglÈs
0400-0500	13660	Arabe
0400-0600	15360	InglÈs
0500-0600	13660	Arabe
0700-1200	17790	InglÈs
0700-1400	11760	InglÈs
0830-0900	15420	Dari
0900-0930	15420	Pashto
0930-1030	15420	Dari
1030-1130	15420	Pashto
1200-1400	17790	InglÈs
1300-1330	6030	Indonesio
1400-1500	6140	Hindi
1400-1500	15160	Hindi
1400-1600	15310	63 [sic, referring to days of week below? Language??]
1500-1530	11945	Tajik

1500-1600 5965 Urdu
1545-1615 6140 Tamil
1600-1630 11995 Uzbeko
1600-1700 6090 Farsi
1615-1700 6100 Pashto
1630-1700 9815 Sinhala
1700-1730 6060 Hindi
1700-1800 6090 Farsi
1700-2100 6030 Arabe
1730-1800 6060 Urdu
1800-2000 5995 InglÈs
2100-2200 5905 InglÈs
2200-2300 5905 InglÈs
2200-2330 9815 MandarÌn
2300-2400 9885 InglÈs

DÌas: (1) Lun, (2) Mar, (3) Mie, (4) Jue, (5) Vie, (6) Sab, (7) Dom.

QTH: BBC Eastern Relay Station (BERS), VT Communications Ltd., P.O.Box 40, 422 Al Ashkarah, Om·n. E-mail: rebers @ omantel.net.om (Resident Engineer) (via Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Argentina, ConexiÛn Digital June 29 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3204.96, R. West Sepik, 1125-1223 Jun 27. Music to BoH, then slow-talking M with announcements in English; back to music at 1144; at 1151 switched to local language; a final selection of island music at 1155 was followed by English news at 1200; at 1204 heard a mention of "NBC National Radio;" don't know if this was just a casual reference or if that was source of the newscast; island music followed at 1205. Fair signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3315, R. Manus (presumed), 1300-1312, June 27, exotic bird calls (no National Anthem), then // 3335, news and weather in English, ad (sound of phone ringing), EZL island music and songs, poor-fair.

3335, Radio East Sepik (presumed), 1300-1308*, June 27, National Anthem, then // 3315, with news which was already in progress, signed off about 1308, with R. Manus continuing.

3385, Radio East New Britain, not on the air June 27, but returned to the air June 28 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. PHILIPINAS, 9395, 1909-1911, R. Pilipinas, Tinang, Jun 27, OM talk, Tagalog, SINPO 45444. RX- Kenwood R 1000, ANT- Long Wire 25m + balun 9:1. 73's , (Cleiber Andrade Junior, Conselheiro Lafaiete

MG, Brazil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395 R. PILIPINAS 1730-1930 1234567 Tagalog 250 283 Tinang PHL 12037E 1521N PBS a08- (Aoki via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. 22080, RDP, // 21655, distorted OM talk, 1413 UT (Tim Bucknall, mobile Log Axe Edge Derbyshire 28/6/08, Icom IC7000 + Sharman Modulator CB whip, harmonics yg via DXLD) Apparently spur, not harmonic; only 13m frequency from them is 21655 (gh, DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Trans-Atlantic TVDX: Portuguese concert, strong on 53.740 MHz (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P @ 35Ft, 2142 UT June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

RTP1 CONFIRMED!!! 53.742 [sic] --- RTP1 Mauro, Portugal confirmed to both Chicopee and Springfield MA on 53.740!!! [sic] In very strong!! Will post clip on WTFDA forums (Jeff Rostron, 2157 UT, ibid.)

Congrats !! Excellent catch! (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, ibid.)

Awesome !!! I was checking the RTP site and was about to post that your program material could be RTP-1 with "DanÁa Comigo" program which should be on at this time. But it seems you IDed them already!

Anyhow, where is there a list of Euro TV stations? I can't even find a list of channels on the RTP site. [later:] I did find this http://www.lral.lv/TV-6M.htm and you can add 5.5 MHz for 53.742, but I am curious as to what power they use etc. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Doug has a good list: http://www.w9wi.com/articles/eu-band-I.htm (Randy Zerr, ibid.)

I had an ex GF [good or girl friend?] whose mother is Portuguese listen over the phone and she stated it was either dance or a talent type show that was airing. Distorted video on CH 2 Now (Jeff Rostron, 2210 UT, ibid.)

Trans-Atlantic TV DX is extremely rare, moreso if definitely IDed, and he doesn`t even specify the times, forcing us to calculate them from his message timestamps. 53740 kHz = minus-offset audio frequency of channel E2. But which is it, 53740 or 53742? Precise offsets are known and critical for IDing such stations. Per WRTH 2008, it`s MURO, vertically polarized, with 67 kW, presumably meaning video ERP on 48240 kHz. ``Distorted video on channel 2`` could mean channel E-3 which is on the same video frequency as channel A-2, 55250 +/- kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

E2 Audio, 53.740, Mauro [sic] Portugal, 3223 miles, "DanÁa Comigo" was airing. In strong for about 6 minutes then weak for about 10 more minutes. Logged via UNIDEN BEARCAT 760xlt and Winegard pr5036 VHF aimed at 71 Degrees. Was heard also in Chicopee MA, 4Mi NW of here via a UNIDEN Bearcat 890XLT with a Radio shack "Discone" antenna (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

[non]. Reciprocally, altho not at exactly same unknown time?

Crazy Conditions to USA in Portugal --- Hugh Hoover in Portugal saw this on A2 on Saturday. It's an infomercial for the Rockin' Body Weigh Loss System. Can anyone attempt to find out who might have run this at 6:55 am EDT ?? (Mike Bugaj, CT, June 29, WTFDA via DXLD)

Hi again, Put another video on youtube.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7e7RrDT678
This was recorded around 10.55 BST and was a QVC type advertising overnight type thing I think. No idea as to origin. It will come up in due course with "watch in higher quality" option to the lower right of the screen.

The colour bar one now has this option there; it took several hours to appear (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, skywaves yg via DXLD) Viz.:

American type colour pattern + ID in centre rectangle received at 11.20 BST with approx zero offset on ch A2.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hc3W3ES5BGU

Lots of signals have been coming and going all morning, mainly on A2 with a little bit on A3. These signals started incredibly early in the day. Good DX (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, ibid.)

** RWANDA. RUANDA, 6055, Radio Rwanda, 2023-2028, escuchada el 28 de junio en francÈs a locutor con comentarios en programa musical, m˙sica pop africana; no recuerdo haber escuchado a esta emisora en este idioma, ID ìRadio Rwandaî, irrumpe la sintonÌa de VOIRI en espaÒol y anula la emisiÛn, SINPO 44333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON. Is there any FM broadcast still operating in St. Pierre & Miquelon? I know they used to be on 97.9 (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

Here's the only list I can find:
http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon/radio.asp
(Rick Shaftan, NJ, ibid.)

Thanks - Randy sent me another list - had a few more stations but didn't show 10 kW for 99.9. On good Es 10 kW ought to even get thru WODE-FM! (If that power is accurate). (Russ Edmunds, PA, ibid.)

3 FM stations are on the air that I know of..
 98.9 FQN Miquelon (RFO)
 99.9 FQN Saint-Pierre (RFO)
102.1 F... Saint-Pierre (Radio Atlantique)
(William R. Hepburn, WTFDA, Grimsby, ON, CAN, http://www.dxinfocentre.com ibid.)

They are listed as being pretty low-powered, too. The new WRTH has 97.9 at 10 W; 99.9 at 500 W; and 98.9 at 50 W. No power listed on 102.1. Good catches all, I'm sure. St. Pierre (FP) is kinda rare on the ham bands, too (Peter Baskind, J.D., LL.M., Germantown, TN, ibid.)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, R Hargeisa, Hargeisa, Somaliland (presumed), 1520-1558, Jun 03-12, Somali (presumed) talk, music and singer groups from African Horn, mentioned "Somalia" some times, *1558 QRM from CRI in Tamil. However, Somalia has not been heard after Jun 12 due to Chad QRM (Roland Schulze, Stuttgart, Germany, DSWCI DX Window June 25 via DXLD) and see CHAD

** SPAIN. Re 8-073: InformaciÛn recibida de Antonio Buitrago de REE sobre la emisiÛn del programa "Amigos de la Onda Corta" en horarios y frecuencias no anunciadas, adem·s de las habituales:

Resulta que durante el verano (hasta finales de agosto) no hay "Tablero deportivo", un programa que cubrÌa de 6 a 8 horas de programaciÛn deportiva. Como ha acabado el f˙tbol y los responsables de programaciÛn tienen que llenar ese horario y esa falta de contenidos con otros programas. Han elegido "Amigos de la Onda Corta", y supongo que otros. Esa es la razÛn que me ha comunicado la secretaria tÈcnica de REE. Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, CÛrdoba, EspaÒa, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Previous report said AdlOC was NOT being heard at its former times, but only at 1830 Saturdays on 17715. But the above says this is just an additional filler, so should still be on at original times, if known correctly in UT rather than MESZ. Please confirm (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Saludos cordiales, link para acceder desde Google Maps al centro transmisor de Noblejas en EspaÒa:
http://maps.google.es/maps?f=q&hl=es&geocode=&q=Noblejas&ie=UTF8&layer=x&ll=39.957879,-3.428936&spn=0.011448,0.026007&t=h&z=15
73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lots of self-supporting towers in a row, off to the left (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. PORTUGAL: 17690, Sudan Radio Service (presumed); 1504-1531+, 25-June; All in Arabic; Commentary mentioning several places in Africa including Khartoum to 1514; series of promos over bumper music; 1518 remote feature with children crying; 1527 Afro tune; 1529+ echo announcements. English reported at this time, but not today. SIO=242, tough copy near QRN lvl, slight clatter QRM & muted audio (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. EMIRATOS ARABES UNIDOS, 9590. Sudan Radio Service, 1659-1705, escuchada el 27 de junio en idioma shilluk o cholo a locutor con presentaciÛn, m˙sica de sintonÌa, locutor y locutora con comentarios, referencias a Sudan, Darfur y Gambia, ID ì...Radio Serviceî, SINPO 34333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. HI, SAQ on AIR, start at 0833 UT June 29, good signal in ITALY 73 !! (Mauro Giroletti, playdx yg via DXLD)

The SAQ's audioclip recorded from Mauro Giroletti and the Argo's Graphics are available here:
http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/4979964.html
73's (Francesco Cecconi, ibid.)

** TAIWAN. ?? 9745, Han Sheng V. of Kuanghua?? 2106-2111, escuchada el 28 de junio, posiblemente en mandarÌn a locutora con comentarios. Veo listada a esta emisora en EiBi, no asÌ en Aoki; no recuerdo haberla escuchado antes, emisiÛn de pieza musical interpretada por piano, posible cuÒa con efecto eco acompaÒada de m˙sica de flauta, SINPO 34433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola JosÈ, Suggestion for Voice of Han on 9745: If you can, check for // with audio streaming http://www.voh.com.tw/?page=003 Try the fourth one down (blue satellite dish). VOH is probably what you heard (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, USA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. 7440, Radio Ukraine International; 0042-0047+, 24-June; M&W in English with program about Ukrainian literature & theater. S20 sig (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD) This was the night before the outage

Hello Glenn, R. Ukraine with an excellent signal here in Montreal

tonight, June 27th, 0000 UT on 7440 in English (Gilles Letourneau, QuÈbec, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UCRANIA, 7490, Radio Ukraine Int., 2050-2052, escuchada el 28 de junio en alem·n con emisiÛn de m˙sica pop local; se aprecia seÒal fuerte con un audio muy bajo, SINPO 45443 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. Re BBC will drop Romanian (updated). Before BBC pulls the plug, it might want to monitor this: "Although initially rejected by the [Romanian] chamber of deputies, a proposed amendment to the broadcasting law that would force radio and TV stations to balance news with 'negative' themes with an equal amount of news with 'positive' themes was adopted yesterday by the senate."
http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=27655
Reporters sans frontieres, 26 June 2008. Posted: 28 Jun 2008 (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A. Re: Marion Hales - DXLD 8-073 --- Obit is at
http://www.newsargus.com/obituaries/archives/2008/06/22/marion_r_hales/index.shtml

I worked with Marion for 20 years. He liked Carolina Beach Music, so obviously was a nice guy! :-) We had looked forward to his presence again in the Carolinas after his planned retirement next month.
(Dan Ferguson, SC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. PETER KANN, MICHAEL MEEHAN NOMINATED FOR THE BBG

"President George W. Bush nominated former Dow Jones Chief Executive Officer Peter Kann to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. ... A Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist for the Wall Street Journal, Kann was CEO of Dow Jones & Co. from 1991 to early 2006. He served as the company's chairman until April 2007. If confirmed by the Senate, Kann would serve out the remainder of former BBG Chairman James Glassman's three-year term, which expires in August 2010. ... In addition to Kann, Bush nominated Michael Meehan for another spot on the BBG." Dow Jones, 26 June 2008. About Meehan, this from SourceWatch: "Michael Meehan is president of BGR Public Relations, and vice president of the firm's parent company, BGR Holding LLC. ... Meehan previously served as chief of staff to Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and communications adviser to Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.)" Also from his bio at the BGR Holding website: "Meehan has held positions of influence in the public policy and media relations arenas." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

So Meehan will have a Democratic seat on the bipartisan BBG, and Kann a Republican seat. It is not clear if Kann will take over as chairman

of the BBG, or if another member of the BBG will be nominated to that position. U.S. international broadcasting is primarily in the news business, so it is preferable for BBG members to have backgrounds in doing journalism rather than influencing journalism (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

-- The White House also withdraw its nomination to reappoint D. Jeffrey Hirschberg to the BBG, sent to the Senate 9 January 2007 for a term to expire 13 August 2007. The White House press release, 26 June 2008. Posted: 27 Jun 2008 (see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=4314 for linx, via DXLD)

** U S A. WBCQ, 15420-CUSB, good signal at peaks, but with deep fades, due to huge sporadic E opening over eastern US, (and trans-Atlantic), June 27 at 2059 with NM preacher; 2101:45 voice-over quick WBCQ ID, but then NM stops, and WBCQ plays standard sign-off announcement which never mentions any frequencies or times; and off. Meanwhile, I compared frequency WWV 10000 using DX-398 40-Hz click-counting, as corrected, and decided WBCQ was around 15419.95; definitely on the low side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 8-073, Dave Frantz` planes: Companies with multiple aircraft will form a separate corporation for each aircraft: They lease them back for Tax / Liability reasons. For example: N-12345 Inc The Tail Number is the Name of the Corporation. The state of registry is chosen for whatever tax advantages they offer I. E. no SALES taxes on aircraft or low 'Use' taxes. It's worth noting that at one time, (I think they still do it that way) airliners close (money changes hands: seller / purchaser) over international open water --- no sales / use taxes!!! (Imagine the sales tax on a 100 million dollar airplane).

By the way, N5259Q is used for aerial photography work, realtors, legal, county government, industrial, tax mapping etc.; N144CR is used for 'pipe line' and 'power line' patrol. Our Turbine aircraft --- can't tell you anything about them!! Regards (Dave Frantz, WWRB/ATC, June 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6890, WWRB Manchester TN; 0053, 24-June; Bro. Smear wants me to repent my sorcery, fornications and abominable acts. ABSOLUTELY NOT! I enjoyed every one of them. SIO=4+53+, xmtr hum? (Frodge-MI)

6915, WYFR Family Radio, Okeechobee FL; 0425, 24-June; Harold (no relation) Camping says that the Bible is an instruction book as to how we should behave. I guess this includes Exodus 21:7-8. S30 sig (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. 25950/FM, KOA Denver CO, studio relay; 1942, 25-June; News-Radio 8-50 KOA; Rush Limbaugh program. SIO=153, fady (Harold Frodge,

Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** U S A. KDTN is owned by Daystar (a competitor to TBN and almost just as bad.) The antenna is or was on the channel 11 KTVT tower around 500 feet up. Since Daystar now owns it, channel 11 could have asked them to move. The tower and antennas for KDTN are in Ceder Hill, Texas, a long ways away from Denton (More than 50 miles south of Denton). Cedar Hill is the highest point in north Texas. I know, it is still licensed to Denton. 73's (Willis Monk, Old Fort, TN, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

KDTN, channel 2, was originally a secondary outlet of KERA-13 PBS, but they sold it off, to their everlasting shame (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KCTA-1030 continues to run OC all night, and I suspect they're unattended on weekends. I did a couple of ToH and half hour checks yesterday, and each time they went straight into new programs with no station IDs or other evidence that a sentient being was present at the station (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17, June 29, ABDX yg via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. Re 8-073, R. Colonia, 550 kHz: Congrats for the catch! Press articles scanned by me about the station (in Spanish):
http://www.angelfire.com/retro/cx8cc/rcolonia.htm

and Mr. Delgado:
http://www.angelfire.com/retro/cx8cc/ariel_delgado.htm
also in the web:
http://www.netizen.com.ar/periodistas/integrantes/delgado.htm

Short audio clip (Delgado reading the news in CW 1 Radio Colonia on hot Argentina political issues, decade of 60s):
http://www.goear.com/listen.php?v=803ebcd

Uruguay was received on MW in NA back in the 30s. The historical book from NRC mentions several loggings from NA DXers and also special programmes for NA DXers were arranged according to this publication (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, RealDX yg via DXLD)

Amazing. For those who can`t read the Spanish, Sr. Delgado suffered death threats and numerous unemployments for continuing to broadcast commentaries about human rights (or the lack thereof) in Argentina during the era of the dictators. A brave and interesting man (Chuck Hutton, ibid.)

Overnight recordings at 0300 and 0400 on the SW beverage, recording

550-950 kHz.

550, CW1, R. Colonia; Spanish ID ìRadio Colonia Ö rep˙blica oriental del Uruguayî very weak, 0400 27/6 mah

610, CX4, R Rural, Montevideo (presumed); Spanish talk with mention of Uruguay, and possibly ìRuralî, Weak peaks, 0300 27/6 mah

650, CX6, SODRE, R Cl·sica, Montevideo; Spanish ID "Radio Cl·sica 650 AM, Radio Uruguay, 1,050 AM, Emisora del Sur Ö Uruguay, para todo el paisî; mixed with CKGA. Weak, 0301 27/6 mah 73s (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland. Perseus SDR, beverage 513m at 233 degrees, terminated; http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/clashmoreradio/ MWC via DXLD)

** VATICAN. Re 8-072: ``>> Unfortunately here in Denmark the Vatican Radio is blocking the frequency 4005. At 2300-2330* it has Italian, then one hour with their open carrier QSA 5, and then from *0030 program in Portuguese <<

... which is also listed for 1260, from the same transmitter building within Vatican City (Marconi Palazzo) than 4005. So perhaps German 2210-2230, English 2230-2300 and Italian 2300-2330 are on 1260 as well, also here followed by an hour of open carrier?``

I asked about the schedule change and they said that there is no change but a temporary problem in the frequency managing system. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) IOW, no human being is paying attention to what`s going on the air (gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [and non]. VOICE OF VIETNAM Programme Schedule - English Service. All transmissions start with a News bulletin followed by feature programmes.
. Monday: Current Affairs. Land and People.
. Tuesday: Current Affairs. Society. Business.
. Wednesday: Current Affairs. Letterbox.
. Thursday: Current Affairs. Economy. Talk.
. Friday: Current Affairs. Rural. Culture.
. Saturday: Report. Weekly Review. Weekend Music.
. Sunday: Culture and Sports Roundup. Sunday Show
(via EDWIN SOUTHWELL, July WDXC Contact via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ARGELIA, 6300, Radio Nacional Saharaui, 1955-2002, escuchada el 27 de junio en ·rabe con emisiÛn de m˙sica folklÛrica local interpretada por instrumentos de cuerda, locutora presentando temas, locutor y locutora con cuÒa, locutora con ID ìarabÌa saharuia democratÌaî, locutor con titulares ìalag baarî [al-akbar], ìsalam alecum [aleikum], arabÌa saharuia democratÌaî, referencia a la ìMagrebÌaî, SINPO 45544 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot

(Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ARGELIA, 6300, Radio Nacional Saharaui, 2014-2018, escuchada el 28 de junio en ·rabe con emisiÛn de m˙sica pop local; se aprecia una extraÒa seÒal que la atora ligeramente, hay que templar a 6298 para evitarla, seÒal jamming?? Locutor con ID y comentarios acompaÒada de m˙sica de fondo, ì..arabia saharuia democratiaî, SINPO 44444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjassot (Valencia), EspaÒa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. 18/6 0544 - 6135 kHz (S500 receiver) RTV - Sana'a, Arabo, mx locale e tk YL. Segnale sufficiente-buono. In sottofondo BBC ASC Hausa (Luca Botto Fiora, Rapallo (Genova), G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. FEEL GOOD RADIO
UN Integrated Regional Information Networks
http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200806251042.html

The lead story in the morning radio news bulletin of Zimbabwe's state-run broadcaster on 25 June was the success of the country's tobacco sales; next, the national consumer council's praise for the government's efforts to make available scarce food items was reported, followed by an announcement by Air Zimbabwe that its telephone lines were down.

There was no mention of opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's momentous decision to pull out of the 27 June presidential run-off race, or any reference to the international condemnation of the political violence unleashed by Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party, nor of the resultant clamour to halt the election.

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) has rejected Tsvangirai's withdrawal, announced informally at a press conference on Sunday. According to the state media, Mugabe and Tsvangirai would be facing off against each other, come Friday, in a hitch-free poll.

ZEC chair George Chiweshe said a letter delivered later by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), formally announcing the decision, had come too late to be accepted.

"It was unanimously agreed that the letter of withdrawal had been filed well out of time, and that the withdrawal was of no legal force or effect," Chiweshe told IRIN. "Accordingly, the commission does not recognise the purported withdrawal. We are therefore proceeding with the presidential run-off election this Friday as planned. The ballot papers have been printed and dispatched."

Luke Tamborinyoka, the MDC's director of information, noted that the state broadcaster, which had refused to air the party's campaign commercials urging the electorate to vote, was now acknowledging that the MDC had met the station's "stringent" requirements.

"Suddenly, when the MDC presidential candidate, Morgan Tsvangirai, announced that he was pulling out of the race on Sunday, ZBH [Zimbabwe Broadcasting Holdings] went overboard and started running our campaign adverts on Monday."

The reason seems to be to ensure that the poll is not boycotted by the electorate - and therefore undermine the legitimacy of Mugabe, the presumed victor.

A resident of Warren Park, a suburb in the capital, Harare, told IRIN that at an all-night ZANU-PF rally he had been forced to attend on 24 June, the community was told that Tsvangirai was still in the race, and voting was compulsory.

"ZANU-PF youth militia and war veterans told us that they would beat up anybody whose fingers would be clean [unmarked by the indelible ink used in voting stations]. To avoid being attacked, I will just go and spoil my ballot." [This report does not necessarily reflect the views of the United Nations] (via Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. VOICE OF ZIMBABWE CLAIMS IT ìREACHES GLOBAL AUDIENCEî

The Zimbabwean newspaper Sunday Mail claims that Voice of Zimbabwe, the countyís world radio station [sic] appears to be reaching all parts of the globe judging by the correspondence it is receiving from countries as far apart as Brazil and India. The newspaper says the station, which broadcasts on shortwave in the 60 metre band (evenings) and 49 metre band (daytime), is also providing Zimbabweans in Binga and other outlying areas that cannot receive FM broadcasts, with a radio service.

The paper quotes Voice of Zimbabwe station manager Shadreck Mupeni as saying last week that letters have been received from as far afield as Brazil, Japan, India, Australia, Poland and Greece. Many of them, he claims, are from listeners who have expressed an interest in visiting Zimbabwe, with some of them asking the station to broadcast programmes and advertisements about the countryís tourist attractions. ìThe letters received recently have all been positive. They have confirmed the signal quality is good.î

Voice of Zimbabwe began broadcasting to the world from Gweru on May 25 2007. It is Zimbabweís first international broadcast station and

currently broadcasts news and news analysis programmes from 6pm to 9pm (1600-1900 UTC). From June 30, it will be broadcasting a repeat of these programmes from 6am to 9am (0400-0700 UTC). During the rest of the day and evening the station broadcasts local music, which has turned out to be a boon for Zimbabweans not only in Binga and Mutoko but anywhere else, if they have a radio that receives shortwave transmissions.

Read the full story
http://www1.sundaymail.co.zw/inside.aspx?sectid=815&cat=1

Andy Sennitt comments: Itís interesting that the countries mentioned all have a significant number of shortwave listeners/DXers who routinely report to radio stations in an attempt to get their reception verified by a QSL card. It is technically impossible to provide a ìworld serviceî with a single transmitter operating in the 60 or 49 metre bands. Apparently the Voice of Zimbabwe is confusing DX reports with letters from people genuinely interested in the stationís programming

Kai Ludwig June 29th, 2008 - 11:22 UTC : But do they have any interest in knowing better? Counting QSL haunters as real listeners is an old trick when determining listener figures. This includes fooling itself about good reception when no real-world listener would accept what the DXers picked out of the noise. And in this case the deception and self-deception is in my humble opinion embarrassingly obvious (June 29th, 2008 - 10:35 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Not only has VOA Studio 7 replaced 13755 by 11605 for the 17-18 UT hour via Madagascar, but also effective June 23 via the other sites at 1800-2000; specifically:
daily 1700-1800 11605 Madagascar
daily 1800-1830 11605 Sri Lanka
Sa/Su 1830-1900 11605 Sri Lanka
M - F 1830-2000 11605 Botswana
// 15775 thruout remains via S„o TomÈ
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. VT Communications, 11695 kHz, 1448 UT 27 June, Carrusel musical+ identificaciones "Test transmission" + website, sign-off a 1450 UT, InglÈs, 35333 Cordialmente, (Tom·s MÈndez, QTH: El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona EspaÒa, Coordenadas 41∫ 19' 26" N- 02∫05'25" E, RX: GRUNDIG Satellit 700, SONY ICF-SW7600GR,ICOM IC-R2. ANT: L.W. exterior 10 mts. y telescÛpicas. Visite mi sitio Web en: http://www.amarantadx.net dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Very odd confusing conditions at switch on; there were tropo signals fading like e-skip (and possibly vice-versa in one

case). Took me a good few minutes to get my bearings. Apologies for all the unIDs, time was running out. I'm sure someone else will crack them.
14900, Harmonic, nothing on 7450, 1432 UT
14930, BC Harm 2 x 7465, 1431
18180, harmonic, 1428
18240, Harmonic, 1427
18940, Harmonic, 1426
18980, harm, 1426 {WYFR fundamental, 1400-2145 --gh}
19620, Harmonic, 1424
23660, BC Harm 2 x 11830, 1412
23930, BC Harmonic 2 x 11965 weak talk, unID language, 1411
(Tim Bucknall, mobile Log Axe Edge Derbyshire 28/6/08, Icom IC7000 + Sharman Modulator CB whip, harmonics yg via DXLD) I assume the others are also broadcast stations, tho not specified (gh, DXLD)

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PUBLICATIONS
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GE

Re 8-073: Frequency list of LW/MW changes, planned, added, modified, deleted in Afroeurasia. Deadline for comments: 14 Oct 2008. What means GE? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

The Geneva Frequency Plan of 1975 (GE75) is the internationally agreed frequency plan which was drawn up to implement the provisions of the Final Acts of the Regional Administrative LF/MF Broadcasting Conference (Regions 1 and 3) held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1975. It covers radio broadcasting in the long and medium wave bands outside the Americas (separate agreements being in place for North and South America). More at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geneva_wave_plan (Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Should be ``GFP`` (gh)

UHF LOOKUP SITE

Re 8-073: I've coordinated wireless mics at sporting events from Hawaii to Kentucky, and the site
http://www.sennheiserusa.com/findfrequency/default.asp
is a bit lacking. Just doing a radius distance search at
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/audio/tvq.html
Is more informative and less likely to be wrong
(Bill Frahm - Boise, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: ECUADOR; ITALY; MEXICO
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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HEY! USE MY NERVOUS SYSTEM! - Space - redOrbit

Despite shortwave shutdowns on earth, Jupiter will continue to transmit on shortwave....

Posted on: Friday, 27 June 2008, 15:01 CDT
By Paul Weideman, The Santa Fe New Mexican

Jun. 27 -- Several days before the opening of his new show, Codices: Heliotown, at the Center for Contemporary Art's MuÒoz Waxman Gallery, Thomas Ashcraft was busy on many projects. His multimedia installation in the gallery's large, darkened space reminds one of the stories of Renaissance scientists; Ashcraft explores all kinds of things rather than specializing.

Among the elements in the show are a grid of adobe bricks on the floor, miscellaneous objects and video segments in homemade dioramas and desks, images of microbes and bacteriophages, and spooky music... http://www.redorbit.com/news/space/1453636/hey_use_my_nervous_system/

Heliotown, installation by Thomas Ashcraft Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 28; through Aug. 24 Munoz Waxman Gallery, Center for Contemporary Arts, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 982-1338 (via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

SHORTWAVE AS MUSIC
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SONAR, SO GOOD

"We're really interested in short-wave radio, number stations and EVP recordings ñ it just gets darker and darker ñ the number stations are still used by spies but as technology gets faster and bigger encryption gets more complex."

"It's fascinating and the messages could mean anything - it's quite nice that we can't explain what they mean." . . . http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/music/Sonar-so-good.4229557.jp (via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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SPORADIC E RIDING LAKE TROPO? [see logs above under CANADA]

Chris - I've been reading about your interesting beach / inland Es phenomenon for the past week, or so. Is there much of an elevation change from the beach to what you consider inland? I'm thinking of Es "attack angles" for lack of a better term. On your Manitoba logs, I could understand going around a curve and the Es dropping but I was wondering about the past beach / inland logs. 73, (Dave Hascall, WTFDA via DXLD)

Here's the situation with beach Es for me lately:

The difference between "inland" and "beach" isn't really one of elevation at all. It is simply noted as in the distance from the water itself. In Grand Haven there is a road that goes about a mile along the beach. On both the north and south ends of this road, there are curves where it'll head inland. On the south side, you end up going up some hills (in the normal form of sand dunes and glacial-formed bluffs), while on the north side, it's a gradual curve heading inland, but it's along a river and there really isn't more than about 5-10 feet elevation change along this entire stretch, so many signals can ride the river without interference and sort of stay in for a short distance before fading out, which is how I got my CBC Radio One ID last night. There is a bluff of anywhere from 100-200 feet, depending on your exact location, and there is parallel parking right beside this bluff, as well as some parking on the beach. There is a map/photo on page 38 of this document on my website:
http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/pdf/dx_2006_log_report.pdf

The Es has been following the exact pattern of lake inversion, as in it's not coming from above really, but instead coming from the side, riding lake inversion temperature ducts, so it often appears. So the moment you turn the corner and start heading away from the beach, the stations drop out, often quite abruptly. Last night with the northern Manitoba stations, they would only come in when I parked my car in the parallel parking spots right beside the bluff. If I moved it any further out onto the beach and away from this blocking hill, they'd break up and disappear. It's the "move five feet and you lose your station" situation, although with many lake inversion signals, move one foot and you go from perfect with RDS to nothing at all on some days. Before I finally got sick of waiting for IDs and headed home, I drove around testing signals and seeing what was coming in where with this low-powered Es stations. And they're certainly dependent on the beach.

I'm not sure how water is affecting Es. I hoped I never found a connection between them, so I'd not have to deal with the curiosity. But when my TV at home shows nothing but maybe a few flickers on 2 and

I drive onto the beach and get a full dial of Es FM stations that promptly disappear when I turn the corner; that says a lot. I'd like to say last night's stations were being received in an opening based around Sturgeon Bay, WI and they simply rode the lake surface to Grand Haven (Sturgeon Bay has been in quite strong on the beach lately, but not many other locations). I just don't know. Whatever the case, Lake Michigan has some odd affect on the MUF and it's been 3 major openings now that are no more than MUF 3 at home yet are straight into FM on the beach, sometimes with no audio interference on 87.7 at all (which is sort of local though). I think there is more to the Es mystery than we really think (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

Thanks Chris; Wow, you are very indepth in your research. That is cool. It does sound like Es is catching the lake tropo, which would be great as the skip could hit anywhere that is affected by the lake tropo and be ducted to your location. That would benefit a DX'er who is close to the duct. Interesting.

The reason that I was thinking of elevation is that I used to visit Indiana Dunes State Park, each year and the Dunes are quite high. I just wondered if they were blocking the signal, in some way, making a blind / deaf spot East (or South) of them (Dave Hascall, ibid.) ###